

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Public Hearing Draws Comments and Objections To Proposed Zoning Plan

by Russell Greenbaum

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission formally presented to Greenbelt citizens on Wednesday, February 27, a plan for the future development of the city which envisions an additional 1500 housing units and a population of 12 to 16 thousand. It was announced that the Commission would wait 30 days for further comments on the plan before approving it in

Although only about 30 people attended the meeting, there was a lively interest in the development of the commercial areas, the location of the two new elementary schools and senior high school planned for Greenbelt, and the type of housing to be erected in the city. The Commission did not debate the merits of its proposed plan but allowed all present to comment and make recommendations for the record. The stenographic report of the meeting will be carefully considered by the Commission.

### Commercial Zoning

Mayor Tom Canning, speaking for the city council which was present at the session, announced that the city did not wish to zone commercial the land at the northeast corner of Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road (soon to become part of the Kenilworth Expressway). Part of this land, owned by Warner-Kanter, is zoned C-2 (general commercial) in the Commission's proposed plan.

Canning stated that the city would prefer a rural residential zoning for this area for the present until the owner presented firm plans for commercial development that would meet with the city's approval. He said the council feared that a commercial zoning now would permit the land to be used for such undesirable businesses as a truck terminal or a second-hand car lot. He felt there was no hurry about zoning the area commercial since it would probably take 10 to 15 years for the area to be fully developed commercially.

Abraham Chasanow, local representative of the Gilbert Realty Company, which owns most of the present commercial center, was also opposed to the commercial zoning of that area. He argued that all commercial development in Greenbelt should be confined to the present shopping center as intended in the original plan for Greenbelt. The Commission's proposed plan now provides for two additional buildings at the shopping center, one directly across the mall from the Co-op store and in line with the former Variety store, the other directly behind the statue at the rear of the mall. These two buildings would double the present business space, increasing it from 30,000 to 60,000 square feet.

In his opening presentation Warren Giaque, chief engineer of the Commission, stated that new commercial development at the Edmonston - Greenbelt Road corner would be more than adequate for Greenbelts future needs. In answer to a later question, he said the expanded city shopping center could take care of all future needs, provided the space was utilized with maximum efficiency. However, use of the space was a matter over which the Commission has no control.

### School Locations

Chasanow also objected to the location of the new senior high school directly across from the proposed new commercial area and diagonally across from the present Greenbelt Junior High School. He

## Another Big Fire; About \$4,000 Damage

A fire Tuesday evening at 13 Northway did an estimated \$4000 damage to the unoccupied detached home, owned by Roger Wilcox of New York City. This was one of the worst blazes in Greenbelt history, about equalling in monetary damage the fire several weeks ago at 45-G Ridge.

The fire started in an outside storage shed, according to Fire chief Vince Dutton. The fuel storage tank exploded, blowing oil over the carport, which then ignited. The fire worked its way into the kitchen, destroying most of the kitchen and ruining most of the equipment. Damage to the remainder of the house was limited to smoke and water damage, Dutton said.

Both Greenbelt fire trucks and 2 from the Berwyn fire department fought the fire. There were 16 firemen from Greenbelt and 12 from Berwyn, directed by chief Dutton. Meantime a truck from the Branchville department stood by covering the city. The Greenbelt rescue squad ambulance and one from Branchville also stood by at the scene. Answering the alarm about 5:30 p.m., the equipment returned about 7:45.

Because our local fire department had not enough fire hose, the second Greenbelt truck was unable to participate in fighting the fire until the Branchville truck sent 300 feet of hose.

Cause of the fire was not determined. The county fire marshal and the Greenbelt fire department will conduct an investigation.

## Move Afoot to Help Hungarian Refugee

The steering Committee for Greenbelt's Hungarian Freedom Family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gamble on Thursday, February 28, for the purpose of organizing ways and means to sponsor a Hungarian refugee family in Greenbelt.

Rev. Walter C. Smith, minister of the Mowatt Methodist Church, was elected Chairman and Rev. Glen Samuelson, minister of the Baptist Chapel, as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Edward E. Schneider, representing the Greenbelt Woman's Club, was elected Chairman for obtaining job opportunities for the family, and Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Sr., representing the Greenbelt Community Church, was made Publicity Chairman.

Plans are being made to provide housing, furnishings, clothing and employment for the family selected. All local churches and civic organizations are being contacted for their interest and assistance in this important undertaking.

Representatives of all Greenbelt organizations and interested residents are invited to attend a meeting to be held on Saturday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church. This meeting will further develop ways and means and procedures to help a refugee from Camp Kilmer, N.J. to find a new way of life in Greenbelt.

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## Council Approves Building Addition To Replace Q&S Trailer On GCS Site

by Al Skolnik

The city council gave approval at last Monday's regular meeting to Greenbelt Consumer Services' proposed addition to its co-op store for the housing of laundry facilities after receiving assurances that parking facilities would be provided in the ratio of 3 sq. ft. of parking to 1 sq. ft. of additional store area. The vote was 4 to 0, with Alan Kistler absent, because of out-of-town business.

## County Issues Permit For GCS Building

Greenbelt Consumer Services has now received a county permit to build an addition to its Greenbelt store, general manager Sam Ashelman announced in a letter to the city council last week. The addition would be built on the site of the Q & S laundry trailer, erected under a temporary 6-month permit, to which the council has strongly objected.

GCS has "no intention of proceeding with our plans if the City Council is solidly against it. We do hope, however, that you will agree with us that such a building will be a worthwhile addition to the Greenbelt commercial center," Ashelman wrote. He continued:

"Our counsel has assured us that the Greenbelt City Solicitor is of the opinion that there is no further legal obstacle to this project if City parking requirements are complied with. As you know, we are providing the additional three-to-one parking space required at the rear of our market addition."

He referred to enlargement of the municipal parking lot up to Parkway, now going on at GCS expense.

## Candidates Line Up For GVHC Election

One additional candidate for the GVHC election on March 20 has been added to the ballot. He is David C. Champion, 11-L Laurel Hill Road and, thus far, is the only candidate for the three-man Auditors' Committee. As announced last week, twelve nominees, to date, have signified their intention of running for the nine-man Board of Directors, including seven of the incumbents.

This year the meeting will be held in the Center School Auditorium, and the polls will be open after the meeting and throughout the next day.

Next week, the News Review will publish a complete list of all candidates and their biographies. Other GVHC members who wish to run for office can get their names on the ballot by submitting a petition, with at least ten voting members' signatures, to the Nominations Committee, GVHC office, before March 13.

### GCA Discusses Bus Service

The possibility of bus service between Greenbelt and Washington via the Washington-Baltimore Parkway will be the subject of a meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association tomorrow, March 8, 8 p.m. in the Center school social room. The Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad has applied for a franchise to operate a bus line on the parkway. Greenbelt would have to convince the bus company to have it amended to allow stops here. This is the problem before the Friday GCA meeting.

## Polio Shots Available

Greenbelt residents desirous of receiving the Polio injections, now available at Prince Georges Hospital, should call the Public Health Department, AP. 7-5000.

These shots are available to persons from 1 year to 20 years, as well as pregnant women.

It is important that all appointments be cleared through the County Health Department.

GCS general manager Sam Ashelman, in presenting the architect's plans to the council, stated that the addition would be of matching brick, 12 ft. by 24 ft. — approximately the same size as the Q and S trailer which it will replace. Parking space of 880 s. ft. will be provided for the additional 288 sq. ft. of store area in accordance with the city council's requirement that new construction in the center have a 3 to 1 parking ratio.

The council was notified by the city solicitor prior to the vote that the county had issued a building permit for the structure and that the only legal obstacle to construction of the building was the provision for parking facilities.

Councilman Ben Goldfaden, while voting approval, emphasized strongly that the parking situation in the center was approaching a crisis. He stated that at the present time the ratio of parking space to store area is considerably less than 2 to 1 and that it would be unfair to expect new builders of commercial property to provide a 3 to 1 ratio when the existing owners do not provide such a ratio.

City manager Charles McDonald backed Goldfaden's statements with figures showing that for all the store and commercial area on the theater side of the plaza, comprising 46,530 sq. ft., there was only 62,894 sq. ft. of potential parking space on that side, including almost 8,000 sq. ft. of loading area — a ratio of less than 1.5 to 1. Councilman Jim Smith pointed out, however, that a 3 to 1 ratio is somewhat of an ideal or goal, rather than a practical criterion. The county only requires a 1 to 1 ratio.

GCS director Ben Rosenzweig stressed that his organization is as interested as anyone in Greenbelt in making the center an attractive place to shop and that it advocates, wherever possible, a 3 to 1 parking ratio, witness its Wheaton and other developments. "If we thought for a moment," Rosenzweig said, "that the additional structure would be unattractive, create parking difficulties, or in general lower the real estate value of commercial property, we would not back its construction."

### Bus Transportation

Councilman Robert Hurst relayed to the council the possibility of Greenbelt being provided with direct bus service to downtown Washington. He had been advised through George Reeves, 2-C Eastway, that the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad has pending a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission for the granting of a bus franchise from Friendship Airport to Washington via the Washington - Baltimore Parkway with stops at Fort Meade and Laurel.

Contact with the bus company revealed, according to Hurst, a disposition to include Greenbelt as a stop if desired by the community. The company stated that the bus could leave the highway to pick up passengers at the Greenbelt Rd. - Glenn Dale Rd. interchange and discharge passengers at designated spots in downtown Washington, as far west as 16th St. N.W. In light of the fact that a hearing before the NCC examiners was scheduled for March 12, the council authorized McDonald to immediately notify the company of Greenbelt's official interest in being furnished such service.

### Merger with WSSC

Despite last minute opposition, the council passed at the second reading resolutions petitioning the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to take over the Greenbelt water and sewer system and the Maryland state legislature to place the Greenbelt sanitary district under WSSC jurisdiction. Prior to the vote, council heard

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am aware that there is a rule not allowing residents of Greenbelt to have dogs or cats. Some of my neighbors have them and say that they may have them if they keep them on a leash or in a fenced yard. Is this true?

If my neighbors are wrong about this, will the rule be enforced?

Many of my friends and I would like to have dogs and cats if it was not against the rule.

Eileen Doherty  
Age 9

Dear Eileen,

I'll try my best to answer your question, but it's very complicated. The city does have a law which says that dogs must be kept on a leash and under control at all times while outdoors. Therefore, some people think that if they obey this law, it's all right to have a dog. But there is really more to it than that. You see, everybody who buys a house in Greenbelt must sign a contract with the housing corporation. This contract contains the terms of the agreement to buy the house, and one of these terms is that the buyer may not keep pets, like dogs or cats. That means that everybody who has a dog is violating the terms of his contract.

Now, you may ask, why should the contract prohibit pets? The answer is that Greenbelt was designed as a city in which to raise children. There is enough room for children to play, but, as you know, the houses are pretty close together and there just isn't enough room for dogs to play, too.

It isn't very kind to dogs to keep them on a leash or cooped up behind a fence all the time, and those people who have dogs and claim to love them ought to realize that dogs need lots of room to play and run around. It just isn't fair to the dog to keep him indoors all the time, or on a leash while he's outdoors. On the other hand, it isn't fair to your neighbors to allow your dog to run around loose over their property.

But this is not the only reason why dogs are not allowed in Greenbelt. In this country of ours we have a way of doing things. Some

people call it the American Way and some call it Democracy, but whatever you call it, we run our country by majority rule. This means that if most of the people want to do something and vote for it then all of the people have to go along with it. Now in Greenbelt, several times, the community got together to settle this question of pets, and the people voted overwhelmingly to prohibit pets. Those people who wanted dogs or cats had a chance to speak up, and they did speak up, but the majority voted against them. Like I said, in this country we abide by the decision of the majority.

I know there is nothing quite so wonderful as the love of a child for a dog, or the devotion of a dog to a child. But, there is something even more important, and that is getting along with people and being good neighbors. It is not always easy to be a good neighbor. Sometimes you have to make a sacrifice to be a good neighbor, and this is the price we pay to earn the respect of our fellow citizens. Believe me, those people who disregard the wishes of the majority are not earning the respect of their fellow citizens. In fact, those people who have dogs are selfish and inconsiderate of their neighbors. Yet, the only reason they can keep their dogs is because their neighbors are kind to them and do not report them to the proper authorities. Yes, Eileen, if they are reported to GVHC, the rule will be enforced.

There is a right way and a wrong way to do things, and if enough people want dogs they should call for another public vote. Then, if they can persuade the majority to vote with them, dogs will be allowed here. Otherwise, they should abide by the decision of the majority.

One more thing. Remember, there are exceptions to every rule. For example, sometimes a dog is necessary to the welfare of a person, such as a seeing-eye dog for a blind person or a playmate for a sick child. Usually, because people are good neighbors, they allow these exceptions to the rule. But in most cases there simply is no excuse for defying the will of the majority. Harry Zubkoff, Editor

## Rev. L. E. Gould Speaks At Special Services

Rev. Leslie E. Gould, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Lewisdale, Maryland, will preach for the special services to be conducted by the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel beginning Sunday, March 31 and ending Friday evening, April 5. The services will be held in the Center School.

Mr. Gould, a native of Glen Aubrey, New York, received his theological training in Binghamton, N.Y. and continued his education at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Mr. Gould has served Baptist churches in Ithaca, N.Y. for eight years, in Corning, N.Y. and Huntington, W. Va. both for nine years. He has also been engaged in evangelistic work in Kansas, Michigan and New York; first as song director and young people's worker and then as evangelist. Prior to his present pastorate he conducted a Christian radio broadcast in Washington, D.C. for four years.

Dr. James T. McCarl and Mr. Lowell Sturgill will serve as song leaders for these services. A different choir will sing at each service.

Arrangements for this second series of special services sponsored by the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel is under the guidance of the Evangelism Committee. Dr. Charles W. Reynolds is the general chairman, Donald M. Uhlin, attendance; Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds, hospitality; music, Mrs. John J. Oleksak; prayer, John S. Stewart, Jr., visitation, Waldo King, Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, publicity; and Milton Hawkins, ushers.

## METHODIST CHURCH

40 Ridge Rd.  
Walter C. Smith, Minister

42-L Ridge Road - Phone 9410

Friday, March 8 - 8 p.m., Commission on finance meets.

Sunday, March 10 - 9:30 a.m., Church school, primary and up. 11 a.m., Church school, kindergarten and nursery depts. 11 a.m., Morning worship conducted by Rev. Smith. 7 p.m., M.Y.F. groups meet. 7:30 p.m., Every member canvass committee chairmen will meet.

Monday, March 11 - 8 p.m., Official board meets.

Tuesday, March 12 - 7 p.m., Junior choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 116 meets. 8 p.m., Properties committee will meet.

Wednesday, March 13 - 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 49 meets, 8 p.m., W.S.C.S. meets.

Thursday, March 14 - 12 noon, Luncheon is served. 3:45 p.m., Brownie Troop 109 meets. 8:15 p.m., Adult choir rehearsal.

## Jewish Community Center

Services on Friday, March 8, will start promptly at 7:30 (candle-lighting at 5:30).

Mrs. Hanna Kiep, Women's Affairs Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, will speak following services. She will discuss the role of Jewish women in Germany today.

Mrs. Kiep worked in the German underground in World War II and spent some time in a concentration camp. She recently returned from a trip to Germany during which she interviewed leading personalities of the women's organization.

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## BAPTIST CHAPEL

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4-E Hillside — GRanite 4-9424

Thursday, March 7 - 7:30 p.m., Midweek service at the Parsonage. "Prayer for Evangelism." Period of prayer. 8:30 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal.

Friday, March 8 - 4:15 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal at the Parsonage.

Saturday, March 9 - 11 p.m., Cherub choir rehearsal at the home of Mrs. James T. McCarl, 3-B Crescent.

Sunday, March 10 - 9:45 p.m., Sunday school for all ages, "from the high chair to the rocking chair." John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship service. The pastor will preach on the ninth commandment. The sermon is entitled, "Stealing Does Not Pay." The Chapel choir will sing. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages, Mrs. John S. Stewart, Jr., director. 7 p.m., Evening worship service. Informal hymn singing. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Sharing and Bearing Your Burdens" based on Galatians 6:1-10.

Thursday, March 14 - 7:30 p.m., Cottage Prayer meetings at the homes of Waldo King, 10-K Laurel Hill; Reginald Danahy, 48-G Ridge, and Dr. Charles W. Reynolds, 10-G Southway.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Robert C. Hull - Acting Pastor

GRanite 3-5846

Friday, March 8: 8 p.m., World Day of Prayer, Riverdale Presbyterian Church, sponsored by United Church Women, with Mrs. Robert Suddah "Who Shall Separate Us" as guest speaker.

Sunday, March 10: Morning worship at 9 and 11, with the Rev. Donald N. MacKenzie as guest preacher. Church school: 9 and 11, nursery, kindergarten, primary; 10, junior, junior and senior high, young adults, adults. Youth Fellowships: 5:30-7:00, 7th, 8th, 9th grade P.F. in Fellowship Center. 7 p.m., annual meeting, social hall.

Monday, March 11: 8, Friendly service sewing group, 2-B Hillside. Tuesday, March 12: 4:30, Treble choir.

Wednesday, March 13: 8, Chancel choir.

Thursday, March 14: 8, Executive board of Christian education meeting, 2-B Hillside. 4, St. Cecilia choir.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone: GRanite 4-9200

Sunday, March 10: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible class. Classes held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. Sermon by Pastor Birner: "Look Who's Talking." Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 o'clock service. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament should make their intentions known before the service. 3 p.m., Cottage meeting at the church to discuss the church program. 4 p.m., Walther League meets at the church. 8 p.m., Bible forum meets at the church.

Monday, March 11: 8 p.m., Church council meets at the church.

Wednesday, March 13: 7:30 p.m., Lenten service. Sermon by Pastor Birner: "We go up to Jerusalem with Jesus to see Prophecy Fulfilled." Film strip presentation: "The Upper Room." Every one is welcome to our services of worship.

## RETREAT

The annual one-day Retreat for the Ladies of St. Hugh's will be held on Passion Sunday, April 7 at the Washington Retreat House. For further information, please call Peg Baldovin at 9718 after 7 p.m. any evening.

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8:30-10:00 p.m.—Boys Club and C.Y.O. Seniors Basketball

8:30-10:30 p.m.—Civil Defense Training, Social Room

### Tuesdays:

3:30- 6:30 p.m.—Arts and Crafts

4:00- 5:00 p.m.—Tumbling at North End School

7:00- 8:00 p.m.—Greenbelt Majorette Practice

7:30- 9:30 p.m.—2d Tues., Toastmaster's Club

8:00-10:00 p.m.—Women's Gym

### Wednesdays:

1:30- 5:00 p.m.—Golden Age Club Meets

5:00- 7:00 p.m.—Prancers

7:00- 8:00 p.m.—American Legion Drill Unit Practice

8:00-10:00 p.m.—Men's Gym

### Thursdays:

3:30- 6:30 p.m.—Arts and Crafts

6:00- 7:00 p.m.—Tumbling

7:00- 8:00 p.m.—Greenbelt Step-erettes

8:00-10:00 p.m.—Boys Club and C.Y.O. Junior Basketball

### Fridays:

4:00- 6:00 p.m.—Ballet, Home-making Room

6:00- 8:00 p.m.—Boy's Club and C.Y.O. Intermediate Basketball

8:00-10:45 p.m.—Roller Skating

### Saturdays:

9:00-12:00 p.m.—Boys Club and C.Y.O. Midgets Basketball

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### Our Neighbors

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The Bill Blacker-Lew March and the Helen-Sid Rubin combines won striking victories in last Friday's duplicate bridge session, leading their nearest North-South and East-West rivals by 5½ and 6 points, respectively. North-South second-place winners were Genevieve Gerrits and Gretchen Eanes. In the East-West direction, a recomputed score showed that Jeanne and Bill Kain edged out Sara Thompson and Lillian Fontaine for the second spot.

Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl, 9 Forestway, left last Saturday for Florida. They plan to visit relatives, and stop off to see the many former Greenbelters who have settled in the Sunshine State. Miami Beach is also on their itinerary.

Former Greenbelters Aaron and Ina Kornetsky were surprise Sunday visitors at the home of the Isadore Parkers, 45-J Ridge. The Kornetskys, now living in Albion, New York, miss Greenbelt very much, and want to be remembered to all their friends. Ina was a former teacher at North End School.

The lively voice of Donna Jean Evans, 16-V Ridge, was heard again on Milt Grant's Record Hop last Saturday. This was the fourth appearance for Donna on this popular T.V. program.

A change of telephone number for the Vince Duttons, 2-E Southway. It is GR 4-6156 now.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meier, 10-B Hillside. Jane Carol arrived on February 21, and weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 oz. She joins two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brezine, 15-B Laurel, announce the birth of a daughter. Kandace made her debut on February 26, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. She has a sister, Kim.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barkley, 3-F Plateau proudly announce that daughter, Mrs. Carl Zimmerman, (the former Norma Barkley) of Old Bladensburg Road, Silver Spring, gave birth to a daughter on February 27. Carla Ann, the Zimmers' first child, weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz.

Congratulations to former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Benders on the arrival of a son. The Benders now live in Silver Spring.

Former Greenbelters, Muriel and Glenn Burrows, and their children, Michael and Judy, are visiting in Greenbelt until Saturday. They can be reached at 9474 or 9437. The Burrows are now residents of Rexford, New York.

Our condolences to Morris Steinman, 1-A Crescent, on the recent loss of his father.

The new number of the Paul Kaskos, 10-R Southway, is GR 4-6150.

### Wertz-Hafer

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Wertz of Greenbelt, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Mr. Richard L. Hafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hafer of Takoma Park, Md. Miss Wertz will graduate from High Point High School in June. Mr. Hafer is a graduate of Northwestern High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

### Report on Reports At Center School PTA

The "anecdotal" or conference type of report card was explained to a large audience Tuesday night at the Center School P-TA meeting by the guest speaker, Miss Rowenetta S. Allen, Director of Instruction, Prince Georges County Schools.

Miss Allen outlined the advantages of the present type of report over the old alphabetical or numerical rating plan. She stated that under the reporting procedure now in use, a pupil progresses as rapidly as he possibly can, under the circumstances, but is never discouraged or held up to ridicule because he cannot "keep up" or "compete" with his classmates on certain types of learning.

The trophy for both the highest number of fathers and mothers attending the meeting was awarded to Mrs. Thompson's room.

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felt that the proximity of the new Kenilworth Expressway, which is expected to receive considerable use by trucks, made the location undesirable, particularly if it was also close to a large shopping center. Chasanow as well as others also urged that only single-family detached dwellings be approved for future building in Greenbelt rather than any more multiple units. The Commission now includes multiple family units in its proposed plan.

Objections were raised to the location of the third elementary school for Greenbelt now sited north of Greenbelt Lake and south of Crescent Road, close to the present parking lot at the lake. It was felt that the need to cross Crescent Road to get to the school was an additional hazard for school children. (The school was previously sited on the north side of Crescent). The site of the fourth school on the west side of the National Guard Armory was criticized as being out of the way and also creating a traffic problem.

Giaque defended all three sites, noting that the County School Board had given them careful consideration and considered them to be the best sites available in the city. He pointed out that the School Board wanted the senior high school to serve the area west of Greenbelt.

Since the site is on Department of Interior land, it would also be easier to obtain. The urgent need for a flat piece of land for the school also weighed heavy in the placing of the elementary schools. The school near the lake will be combined with a large park-playground.

There was also some discussion as to whether the Park and Planning Commission might take over the maintenance of the park land surrounding the lake, particularly the present picnic area. However, it was revealed that this area is just outside of the present metropolitan district and therefore not in the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission indicated that if future legislation extend the metropolitan district, it would give

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## Modern Kitchens Inc. Seeks to Install New Equipment In Greenbelt Homes

by Russell Greenbaum

A plan whereby members of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation can remodel their kitchens at a special discount of approximately 40 percent was heard by the GVHC board of directors at its regular meeting on Friday, March 2.

The plan, presented by Bob Burrus representing Modern Kitchens, Inc., includes the removal of the present sink, base cabinets and wall cabinets and replacing them with a complete new sink-cabinet unit with formica counter tops. The cabinets can be either steel or Oxford wood in birch finish. The price, depending on the type of home and the material used, ranges from about \$325 to less than \$400, including installation.

The board expressed interest in the plan and agreed to permit Burrus to present it to the members at the end of the annual GVHC meeting on March 20 at the Center School. There will be a display of some of the equipment, and details of the plan will be explained.

In addition to the sink and cabinets (including a broom closet), a counter top range can be added for an additional \$165, a built-in dishwasher for \$140, and an under-the-counter clothes washer for \$170. Installation of these appliances is extra. FHA home financing can be obtained for the sink-cabinet unit but not for the appliances. Members interested in the plan will deal directly with Modern Kitchens and not through GVHC, which is merely cooperating with Modern Kitchens in publicizing the special purchase plan to its members.

### Power Complaint

The board also heard a complaint by a member that the Potomac Electric Power Company would not install heavy amperage service to his home to permit him to use a clothes dryer conveniently. He said he is now forced to use his stove connection, disconnecting it when he uses the dryer. He said PEPICO does not want to do the work of installing the service, even though he is willing to pay for it.

The Board, which felt that this was a service it should get from PEPICO, directed the manager to work with the company in arranging for the installation of such service. It was brought out in the discussion that since Greenbelt homes are all on 60-amp. service, a number of dryers now in use by members are probably illegally installed.

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## The Long View

by Al Long

Harry Zubkoff, our good editor, called me one day last week and said, "Al, when the devil are you going to write another column?"

I explained that my dual responsibilities of working for a living on my regular job and keeping an eye on my business venture was forcing me to curtail many of my extracurricular activities of a community nature. That's the way I talk, very erudite and perspicuous.

"Oh, I know all that," he answered, "but when are you going to write your column?"

Then I further explained that I'm lazy and just haven't gotten around to it. "I know that, too," he said.

Also I pointed out that I might offend some potential Tops customers and thought it better not to write a column.

"All right," he pointed out, "I agree that you are a lazy, cowardly intellectual. Now about the column . . ."

So after that careful character analysis what else could I do. But I want one thing clearly understood—even people whom I irritate or annoy in this column are heartily welcome to spend money in my drive-in restaurant (**Tops** at the corner of Queens Chapel and Hamilton).

The GVHC Board has discussed several interesting matters during the last few weeks. There is a worthy group effort to bring a Hungarian refugee family to Greenbelt and the question is how much should the corporation contribute toward housing. I've always been hardboiled about GVHC getting involved in charitable situations. I insist it should be run as a business and let the individual members do as they please, as citizens rather than as a corporation. Finally, a couple of the congenital do-gooders came up with the startling idea that we could arrange housing by having an absentee member who is renting his house evict the present Greenbelt family tenant and then arrange to rent the unit to the refugee family. A most meritorious solution to a community problem. Why not do it in a democratic manner, however, and vote to select the most unpopular family for eviction. (Only one vote to a member, of course, although I myself have at least ten nominations.)

At one of the meetings an attempt was made to put on the agenda a motion to change the by-laws so that any salary increase over \$15,000 would require membership approval. It was favored by Andros, Bowman, Lastner and Long. The President spoke against it, however, on the grounds that lay people (you and me) can't be trusted to consider such a question intelligently and therefore should have nothing to say about the manager's salary. Board members Bartholomew, Burgoon, Jorgensen and Kriby thereupon voted against the motion and it was defeated (Pharis had to leave the meeting earlier). So even though you may be capable enough to earn a living and pay your monthly payment, you will have nothing to say about the manager's salary, another happy solution to a problem in democracy.

You see, Zubkoff, I've lost four customers already.

### LIBRARY BUDGET

To the Editor,

I read with great interest Mr. Greenbaum's article in last week's paper describing the excellent job our County Library is doing in the Greenbelt branch of The Prince Georges County Library. May I urge on behalf of The Friends of the Greenbelt Library that citizens who are interested in good library service for Greenbelt, both its school children and its adults, write Commissioner Lastner of our own community at 19P Ridge Road, and Commissioner Reichelt, President of the Board of Commissioners of the County, urging that the budget proposed by the Library Board be adopted. Commissioner Reichelt's address is 4303 31st Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland.

Yours for Good Library Service,  
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